The Sunday School *in the* Foreign Field

A Message
to the
Missionary
Candidate

Evangelism Through the Sunday-school

Dr. John R. Mott, after the Continuation Committee gatherings in China and other points of the Orient, said that missionaries and native leaders were unanimous in their emphasis upon the Sunday-school as a channel through which the Church must be recruited for the future, both as to membership and workers.

The World's Sunday School Association

The organization which is used by the Mission Boards as the agency to promote Sunday-school work upon the foreign field is the World's Sunday School Association, with headquarters in New York City.

Organization

The administration of this Association is in the hands of an Executive Committee, with representatives in each field. The Committee is divided, for purposes of administration, into the British and the American Sections. The British Section is directly responsible for the continent of Europe and for South Africa, Australia, New Zealand and India. The American Section administers the work in South America, Moslem lands, Japan, Korea, China and the Philippines.

The Executive Committee of the American Section has a representation from the

Mission and Sunday School Boards equal to one-half its membership. The other half of the Committee is made up of business men who are vitally interested in the Sunday-school movement. The Association is incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia.

Constituency

During the past four years there has been an increase of approximately five million in the Sunday-school membership of the world. According to the latest statistics there are now 350,000 Sunday-schools in the world, with an enrolment of 35,000,000 and over three million officers and teachers.

Conventions

Since the organization of the World's Sunday School Association in 1889, conventions have been held in London, St. Louis, Jerusalem, Rome, Washington and Zurich. At the last convention, which occupied eight day, there were 2,609 official delegates, representing fifty-eight countries and seventy-five denominations. The next convention will be held in Tokyo following the conclusion of the war.

Secretaries

On the fields of China, Japan, South America, North Africa, Korea and India, secretaries representing the World's Sunday School Association are at work under the direction of organizations or committees made

up of representatives of the native Church and of the Mission Boards at work on those fields. These secretaries do not seek to organize Sunday-schools, but work for the improvement of the schools already established by the different denominations.

Under this Sunday-school organization, graded and uniform lessons have been developed, teacher-training courses translated or produced originally, and standards for teacher-training and adult classes promoted. Summer Sunday-school conferences and institutes have been held in some of these fields. Stereopticon Sunday-school slides, an up-to-date Sunday-school library and an exhibit of Sunday-school material are in the hands of each secretary.

Lines of Home and Field Administration

Co-operation

To cultivate the closest possible relationship with Mission Boards and Sunday-school and other agencies related to the work upon the fields.

Organization

To develop the organization of the fields within the jurisdiction of the Executive Committee in close co-operation with the agencies interested.

Leadership

To co-operate in the development of a Sunday-school leadership along organization,

pastoral, missionary and teaching lines, through training courses and institutes.

Literature

To promote a literature for purposes of such training, also lesson helps and pure reading for children and the home.

Evangelism

To promote upon the home and foreign fields a vision of the Sunday-school as an effective instrument for the winning of the world to Christ, and as a place of enlistment for service.

Preparation for Sunday-school Service

(a) *What you can do here:*

1. During the school year, a course in religious education may be taken at one of the following universities or seminaries:

Alfred University, Alfred, New York.
Beloit College, Beloit, Wisconsin.
Bethany College, Bethany, West Virginia.
Bethel College, Newton, Kansas.
Butler College, Indianapolis, Indiana.
Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island.
Carthage College, Carthage, Illinois.
Christian College, Canton, Missouri.
Central College, Danville, Kentucky.
Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio.
Columbia University, New York City.
Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota.
Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa.
Eureka College, Eureka, Illinois.
Eugene Bible University, Eugene, Oregon.
Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana.
Fargo College, Fargo, North Dakota.

Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Illinois.
Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa.
Hartford School of Religious Pedagogy, Hartford, Connecticut.
Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts.
James Millikin University, Decatur, Illinois.
Lawrence College, Appleton, Wisconsin.
Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio.
Ripon College, Ripon, Wisconsin.
State College of Washington, Pullman, Washington.
University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.
Union College, Schenectady, New York.
Talladega College, Talladega, Alabama.
State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa.
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
University of Rochester, Rochester, New York.
Wellesley College, Wellesley, Massachusetts.
Whittier College, Whittier, California.
Willamette University, Salem, Oregon.
William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri.
Yale College, New Haven, Connecticut.
Western Reserve College, Cleveland, Ohio.

2.—The following schools are offering summer courses in religious education, and will be glad to send you their prospectus upon application:

Lake Geneva Training School, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.
New Jersey School of Methods, Asbury Park.
Northfield Training School, Northfield, Massachusetts.
University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon.
University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma.
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia.
State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa.
Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa.
Butler College, Indianapolis, Indiana.
Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire.
Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
Auburn Theological Seminary, Auburn, New York.
University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.
Columbia University, New York City.

3.—You may take your denominational Sunday-school training course, covering the Sunday-school, Bible, Pedagogy and Psychology.

4.—Sunday-school information and leaflet literature may be secured from your denominational Sunday School Board and State Sunday School Association.

5.—You may observe good types of city and county schools in your vicinity, and study their organization and methods.

6.—Read as many books on Sunday-school work as you can. A suggested list is given below:

"The Church School" .....*Athearn*
"The Teacher That Teaches".....*Wells*
"Talks With the Training Class".....*Slattery*
"The Elementary Worker and His Work",
Jacobs-Lincoln
"The Junior Worker and His Work"....*Robinson*
"The Intermediate Worker and His Work,"
Lewis
"The Senior Worker and His Work".....*Lewis*
"The Adult Worker and His Work".....*Barclay*
"The Superintendent and His Work".....*Brown*
"The Pupil and the Teacher".....*Weigle*
"The Boy and the Sunday School".....*Alexander*
"The Girl in Her Teens".....*Slattery*
"The Sunday School and the Pastor".....*Faris*
"Worship in the Sunday School".....*Hartshorne*
"First Standard Manual of Teacher Training,"
Barclay
"Handwork in the Sunday School".....*Littlefield*
"Talks to Teachers" .....*James*
"Sunday School at Work".....*Faris*

(b) *When you reach the field:*

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